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REMARKS

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1. On 18 March 1954, the Warsin-Altwarps road was blocked because of 85-mm AAA firing with live ammunition. Four guns fired at dummy tanks and dummy bunkers. Between 19 and 25 March, about 100 soldiers with 12 vehicles, 7 x 85-mm AA guns, 4 jeeps mounting 20-mm AA guns, 1 field ambulance, 1 workshop truck, and 1 field kitchen were allegedly in Zingst for firing practice with live ammunition.  25X1

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Soldiers said that the firing practice was scheduled to last up to 30 March. The AAA unit of Altwarp returned from Zingst prior to the completion of the firing practices, allegedly because of its excellent firing records. The troops were given several days off and more furlough. An AAA unit from Prora allegedly had the second best records. 1

2. The equipment of the AAA unit at Altwarp was increased by several field kitchens. On 1 April, the unit again numbered about 400 men, with Captain Rau (fnu), still being commanding officer and Captain Knuth (fnu), supply officer. A total of 200 recruits were expected to arrive in about 10 days. The recruits were to be quartered in a building which had so far been occupied by the driver school unit. The driver school was to move into new buildings, which were not completed. After completion of the wall which extended as far as the Haff, the construction of four more garages was started. The garages were to have the size of those already available. The construction of more vehicles and gun parking facilities was planned. All construction projects were scheduled for completion in 1954. The installation will then have a quartering capacity of 1,000 men and 300 officers. 2
3. In late March, driver students of the driver school unit in Altwarp were discharged upon completion of the course. New students arrived on 30 March. Thus, the driver school consisted of about 180 men including about 50 officers and NCOs as training personnel on 1 April. The unit was well disciplined, contrary to the AAA unit. Minor violations sufficed to have driver students sent back to their units. The motor vehicle equipment of the unit was increased by a G5 three-axle truck and an M-3 armored personnel carrier. It was said that tank driving practices would be started soon.

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1. [ ] Comment. Report confirms the previous assumption that a new KVP AAA range was taken in operation in Zingst. The AAA battalion of Division Schwerin is carried in Prora. The statement that this unit was also at Zingst is probably correct. It has to be determined whether only AAA units of Corps North practiced at Zingst. Several unidentified shipments observed during the last weeks tended to indicate that units from the southern area of the GDR also went to Zingst. Information furthermore confirms that the AAA Regiment Altwarp is also equipped with 85-mm AA guns. [ ]

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2. [ ] Comment. The induction of recruits, which was especially observed in March, will continue during the next months, due to the recruiting campaign under way. Information on the enlargement of the installation at Altwarp has been obtained by several other sources.

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